

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A gaming machine comprising:
 - variable display ~~means~~ device for variably displaying designs;
 - a transparent liquid crystal display panel disposed in front of said variable display ~~means~~ device through which the variable display ~~means~~ device is able to be seen;
 - a liquid crystal holder in a form of a rectangular frame member for holding ~~the~~ only a periphery of the display unit of said liquid crystal display panel in a pressing manner;
 - a light guiding plate for guiding light emitted from a light source to the rear side of said liquid crystal display panel, the light source disposed outside yet adjacent to a guiding plate periphery of said light guiding plate;
 - diffusion ~~means~~ sheet for diffusing the light guided by the light guiding plate to equalize the light which illuminates said liquid crystal display panel, said diffusion sheet disposed between said light guiding plate and said liquid crystal holder;
 - a ~~black base~~ frame attached in front of the machine for supporting and surrounding said liquid crystal holder, said light guiding plate and said diffusion ~~means~~ sheet such that the front of ~~the a~~ display unit of the liquid crystal display panel has an opening;
 - a transparent plate disposed in front of the ~~base~~ frame for closing the opening;
 - and
 - a rear holder for holding, said liquid crystal holder, said light guiding plate and said diffusion ~~means~~ sheet supported by said ~~base~~ frame on said ~~base~~ frame from behind, and for reflecting the light emitted on said light guiding plate to the side of said liquid crystal display panel, the rear holder having one or more windows allowing the designs variably displayed in said variable display ~~means~~ device to be observed and being facially opposed to said light guiding plate.
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein said variable display ~~means~~ device is one or more rotatable reels each having a reel band thereon, on which said designs are drawn.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~reel-based~~ gaming machine according to claims 1 or 2, characterized in that said gaming machine is a slot machine.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein said light guided by said light guiding plate passes through said diffusion sheet means.

5. (NEW) A display window unit, comprising:
a frame having an L-shaped cross-sectional configuration defining a frame opening formed therethrough;
a liquid crystal panel received in the frame opening with the frame facially contacting an outer front-side periphery of the liquid crystal panel;
a liquid crystal holder in a form a rectangular frame defining a liquid crystal holder opening formed therethrough, the liquid crystal holder disposed in the frame opening and contacting an outer rear-side periphery of the liquid crystal panel thereby holding said liquid crystal display panel within the frame opening;
a diffusion sheet disposed in the frame opening;
a light guiding plate disposed in the frame opening with the diffusion sheet positioned between and in contact with the liquid crystal holder and the light guiding plate;
a light source disposed in the frame opening and outside of and adjacent to a light guiding plate periphery of the light guiding plate and in a common plane with the light guiding plate; and
a rear holder panel in facial opposition to the light guiding plate, covering the light source and in contact with the frame yet outside of the frame opening.

6. (NEW) A display window unit of claim 5, further comprising a glass base in a form a rectangular frame and having an L-shaped cross-sectional configuration to define a glass base opening formed therethrough, the glass base opening sized to receive the frame, the liquid crystal panel, the liquid crystal holder, the diffusion sheet, the light guiding plate, the light source and the rear holder panel in the glass base opening in a surrounding manner.

Newly Added Claims

Claim 5 and 6 include features not shown in the applied art.